

## **Chapter 170**

### **VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Granby as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Violation and citation hearing procedures — See Ch. 58.

Removal of ice and snow — See Ch. 150, Art. II.

Abandoned, inoperable or unregistered vehicles — See Ch. 167.

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Parking During Snow Emergencies**

**[Adopted 2-4-1963]**

##### **§ 170-1. Prohibition.**

- A. No person shall park any vehicle, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 14-1, as amended, on any public road, cul-de-sac, turnaround, or parking area in the Town of Granby from the start of any snow or ice storm until 12 hours after the storm ends. The Chief of Police shall be empowered to extend the parking prohibition beyond the times given above in case of severe conditions.
- B. This article shall not apply to a physician making a professional call or to police, fire or other emergency vehicles. The Chief of Police may, by written notice which shall be affixed to the windshield, allow a person to park for compelling reasons.

##### **§ 170-2. Responsibility of owner.**

The owner of any motor vehicle parked in violation of § 170-1 shall be presumed to be the person who committed the violation and shall have the burden of proving that said vehicle was, at time of violation, in the custody and control of another and was so parked by another.

##### **§ 170-3. Penalties for offenses.**

- A. Any vehicle found in violation of this article shall be towed away at the expense of the responsible party, such expense to be no more than the maximum allowed by the State of Connecticut as shown on the posted schedule of towing fees in the place of business. The tower is hereby authorized to hold any vehicle until the costs are paid.
- B. In addition, the responsible party shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$250.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

ARTICLE II  
**Fire Lanes**  
[Adopted 10-17-1994]

**§ 170-4. Statutory authority.** <sup>2</sup>

This article is enacted pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. § 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xii).

**§ 170-5. Short title.**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Fire Lane Ordinance."

**§ 170-6. Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**FIRE LANE** — A designated, unobstructed passageway sufficient in size to permit free passage of fire and other emergency equipment to areas or parts of any private or public property as deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal.

**§ 170-7. Establishment.**

- A. Whenever the Fire Marshal determines that the reasonable safety of persons occupying or using any public or private premises having a capacity of at least 15 persons requires the establishment of a fire lane for the orderly access of fire and other emergency equipment, he shall establish such fire lane by written order and cause a copy of such order to be delivered in person or by registered mail to the owner of the premises on which the fire lane is established or to the agent of such owner. The Fire Marshal shall provide information copies of the written order to the Traffic Authority and the Community Development Director. Such written order shall inform the owner of the premises of his right to appeal under § 170-8 of this article.
- B. Any applicant for site plan approval for any commercial or industrial development shall, at the time he files his application for site plan approval with the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, file a copy thereof with the Fire Marshal who shall thereafter make comment and recommendation regarding the establishment of fire lanes to be incorporated into the site plan.

**§ 170-8. Appeals.**

Whenever the Fire Marshal establishes a fire lane as provided herein, he shall file a copy of his order with the Town Manager. Any person aggrieved by such order may file a written notice of appeal with the Town Manager, within 15 days after the date of such order, setting forth therein the reasons for appeal. The Town Manager shall promptly report to the Board of Selectmen the pendency and disposition of any appeals under this section. After hearing, the Town Manager may affirm, modify, or rescind such order.

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**§ 170-9. Signs and markings.**

Upon the establishment of a fire lane as provided herein, the Director of Public Works shall cause signs, markings, and other devices to be installed delineating said fire lanes as provided herein. Such signs, markings, and other devices when installed on privately owned premises shall be at the cost of the owner and may be billed for and collected as a municipal fee in the same manner as municipal taxes.

**§ 170-10. Penalties for offenses.** <sup>3</sup>

No person shall park or permit any motor vehicle to stand in a fire lane which has been established in accordance with the provisions hereof, except when said vehicle is in the process of receiving or discharging passengers and the operator of the vehicle remains with the vehicle. Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$250. For the purpose of this article, the registered owner of a motor vehicle shall be presumed to be the operator of such vehicle.

**§ 170-11. Payment of fines.**

Any person receiving a notice of violation of the provisions of this article may appear at the office of the Tax Collector of the Town prior to the time specified in said notice, and if payment is made through the Tax Collector as provided in said notice, such payment shall bar a prosecution for such violation of this article.

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